

# PRES. WILSON SIGNS FOR WAR

## AMERICAN TROOPS ARE IN POSSESSION OF VERA CRUZ

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 22.—American forces are in complete control of Vera Cruz. No non-combatants were injured in the fighting, according to a dispatch that came from Consul Canada. Firing has ceased, except an occasional picket shot. Canada said a house-to-house search is being made and many armed Mexicans arrested. The president has sent to congress a message asking for the immediate appropriation of \$500,000 to be used to bring Americans now in Mexico back to the United States. Senator Clarke, president pro tempore of the senate, signed the administration's Mexican resolution. Then the measure was sent to the White House, where the president affixed his signature.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—It is apparent the United States will "sit tight" at Vera Cruz, and no further steps for pacification will be taken at this time. The intentions of the forces is to hold Vera Cruz, to convince Huerta this government means business. It is said no action will be taken at Tampico unless there are retaliatory actions on the part of the Huerta government. Everything is in readiness for actual warfare if it must come.

## 150 MEXICANS SLAIN BY SHIPS' BIG GUNS AFTER THE REFUSAL OF THE COMMANDER TO STOP SHOOTING AT AMERICANS

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 22.—Without any debate, and without a formal roll-call, the house concurred in the administration's Mexican resolution as adopted by the senate, which justifies the president in using the armed forces of the United States in securing amends for indignities suffered by this nation in Mexico. On viva voce vote the "ayes" had a pronounced majority. A few negatives were heard from the Republican side when the speaker put the question. The speaker signed the resolution, which went to the vice-president. WASHINGTON, April 22.—Reinforcements from Admiral Badger's fleet landed at Vera Cruz under the guns of American war ships to aid in taking the entire city. One report says 150 Mexicans were killed. Admiral Fletcher issued a proclamation, calling on the people of Vera Cruz in the interest of humanity to co-operate with him in restoring order. They could carry on the municipal government, while the United States would merely hold the custom house and patrol the city. The Americans have landed 3000. VERA CRUZ, April 22.—Landing parties from the American fleet were greeted with general firing from snipers when the boats approached the shore at daybreak.

(Special to the Bonanza.) WASHINGTON, April 22.—Admiral Fletcher cabled: Our men began firing only when fired on. We prepared a flag of truce with General Maas with notice to cease firing or our big guns would be used. There are about 1000 marines and sailors ashore. All business has been suspended since noon. WASHINGTON, April 22.—War is on. Acting under orders from Secretary of the Navy Daniels to blockade the port of Vera Cruz and seize the custom house, Admiral Fletcher, in charge of American forces, landed marines from the Utah, Florida and Prairie yesterday and proceeded to capture the customs house. A sharp engagement between American and Mexican forces followed. Four American marines were killed and twenty wounded. The number of casualties on the Mexican side was 200 killed. At 7:20 o'clock last night Admiral Fletcher reported to the navy department he was holding that part of the city near the custom house and consulate and cable offices. The railroad was safe. Desultory firing continued from house tops.

**Rushing in More Ships.** Orders have gone to both Admirals Badger and Mayo to rush ships to support Admiral Fletcher. General Leonard Wood will leave Washington tonight to take command of the army forces in Texas. One thousand marines have been rushed from Philadelphia on a chartered ship. According to the reports from Admiral Fletcher Mexican troops did not oppose the landing of American marines, but opened fire after the Americans had taken possession of the custom house. Mexicans employed artillery and made a desperate effort to drive out Americans. Admiral Fletcher at once ordered the Prairie to bring her big guns into play and from her place in the harbor she proceeded to shell the Mexicans out of position. All this went on while a gale was gathering just outside the breakwater. According to earlier dispatches received from Vera Cruz the American consulate was crowded with American women and children waiting to be taken off in one of the vessels chartered by this government.

**Ready for Business.** Receipt of word from Admiral Fletcher that fighting had begun galvanized war and navy departments into immediate action. Forgotten entirely was the wrangling at the capitol over the wording of an indefinite reason which is intended to give the president endorsement of congress in his attitude toward Huerta. So far as the war and navy departments were concerned, it was war.

**Reserves Ordered Up.** Orders were flashed to Admirals Mayo and Badger to send support to Admiral Fletcher. This meant they should send Fletcher a strong detachment of marines. In all probability the Americans now will proceed to take over the entire city of Vera Cruz. At the same time orders went to the navy yard at Philadelphia

to load 1000 marines on board a vessel waiting there for that purpose and rush them to the scene of the fighting. In the war department similar activity was displayed.

**Rumored Rioting in Mexico City.** WASHINGTON, April 22.—There is a rumor that the American consul was killed and about forty Americans injured in riots in Mexico City. No official confirmation of the report has been received here. MEXICO CITY, April 22.—The city is in a turmoil tonight as a result of the publishing of news from Vera Cruz of the American invasion and of Mexicans killed in fighting. Crowds are going about the streets and a general uprising is feared. Foreigners are banding themselves together for protection.

**Conference at White House.** WASHINGTON, April 22.—A conference at the White House broke up at 9 o'clock last night. Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary Tumulty hurried to the senate to carry the developments from Mexico to the foreign relations committee. They refused to comment on the news from Vera Cruz except to say everything had gone satisfactorily.

**War Resolution Adopted.** WASHINGTON, April 22.—The senate after recess convened at 8 p. m. At midnight Senator Newlands stated a vote would be taken in the senate at about 1:30 and that the committee resolution will be adopted.

**American Women Ashore.** WASHINGTON, April 22.—Admiral Fletcher warned Maas that the big guns of the American fleet would be used unless he stops his men from firing. There are now about one thousand American marines and bluejackets in town. Admiral Fletcher said his men fired only when they were fired on. Consul Canada, at Vera Cruz, reported several Americans, including women, within the firing line. They refused to go aboard the refuge ships.

**Statement from Fletcher.** WASHINGTON, April 22.—Secretary Daniels issued the following from Admiral Fletcher last night:

"Landed marines and sailors from the Utah, Florida and Prairie and seized the custom house. Mexicans did not oppose the landing, but opened fire with rifles and artillery after seizure. The Prairie then began shelling Mexicans out of their positions. Desultory firing from house tops and streets ensued. We hold the custom house and that section of the city in the vicinity of the wharves and consulate. Casualties: Four dead, twenty wounded." Secretary Garrison, on leaving the White House, said: "I hope it is all over. I think they fired to save their faces before retreat. I do not expect any more."

VERA CRUZ, April 22.—When Admiral Fletcher landed marines, Consul Canada called on General Maas to assist in restoring order.

Maas refused. No American refugees were injured. SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—The cruiser South Dakota and collier Jupiter have sailed. The South Dakota has 800 marines and the Jupiter 300. All will be left at the advance base at San Diego. The cruiser Cleveland sails Saturday for Mexican waters. The cruiser Maryland is ordered to prepare for duty.

## WILL RETURN ARMS TO GERMAN OWNER

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 22.—Disposition of guns and ammunition forming the cargo of the German vessel Ypiranga, held up at Vera Cruz when Rear Admiral Fletcher took the port,

was arranged for at a conference between Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Von Bernstorff, of Germany. The captain of the vessel is unable to secure clearance papers at Vera Cruz and will return the cargo to the former owner in Germany, although the Huerta government had paid in advance for the munitions.

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## Bill Pappas, Woman Slasher, Walks Out of the County Jail

Bill Pappas, the wealthy Greek who was to have been sentenced this morning for assault with intent to kill, walked out of the county jail last night and is now at liberty. How he succeeded in effecting his escape will be investigated by Sheriff Malley. Gross carelessness is alleged against the officer in charge of the jail.

Pappas has always preserved an indifference to his fate and maintained a cheerfulness that was strangely out of place for a man in his position. Yesterday evening, as Jailor Garrison was about to leave

the jail for supper, Pappas, who had been given the freedom of the corridors, asked him if Slavin, the under sheriff, was in his office. Garrison replied: "No, Charlie has gone home. Do you want to see him?" Pappas replied: "Oh, no, I was just going to ask him something. It will do tomorrow."

Then Garrison says he left for home and returned at 6:45 and prepared to close the cells for the night. There were only two prisoners in the place. One was a Swede in the lower tier and the other was Pappas, who had the run of the upper tier. The latter could not be found and the door leading to the sheriff's office, which is supposed always to be closed, was found unlocked.

George Garrison, the jailor and janitor, said he had returned from supper and began cleaning up the lower floor with the aid of the lone prisoner there and knew nothing until he discovered the door leading to the guard room standing open. Then he discovered Pappas was missing and immediately notified the sheriff, who began searching in every possible direction. The keys are always kept in the desk and they were still there when Malley reached the jail. Deputies were sent to Millers, McSweeney's, Klondike and Goldfield, and steps were taken to watch the vicinity of Bishop, Cal., where Pappas has relatives. The Ely gateway was also notified, but there is little prospect of the prisoner being recaptured, as it is a notorious fact that the men who held up the Richelieu bar last winter went out by automobile and were never heard of, although officers asserted it would be impossible for any one to get away from the desert without detection.

Sheriff Malley has Bertillon measurements of the fugitive, but is inclined to think he will commit suicide rather than take a jail sentence. Pappas has repeatedly threatened to take his own life, but those who know him laugh at the suggestion. Garrison will have to explain why he gave the prisoner such liberty, when he was cautioned by the sheriff that Pappas might try to end his life before the date set for sentence.

With regard to the statement that Pappas was wealthy or had rich relatives, the sheriff takes exception. He said he had no collection of diamonds in his possession as reported when arrested, and that he experienced considerable difficulty in arranging bond, which finally was secured from Bishop friends. When court convened this morning and the docket called for the final stage in the Pappas case, Sheriff Malley informed Judge Averill of the facts and a bench warrant was issued.

**THREE PEOPLE LOSE LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA** (By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, April 22.—Three are dead from fire. Julius Schulze, aged 80, his wife and son Paul, aged 50. Mrs. Paul Schulze, weighing 300 pounds, jumped from a window with a man. Both were injured.

**NEVADA IS READY.** "Nevada is anxious and ready to furnish a regiment of cavalry, a battalion of engineers and hospital corps. In case of need will furnish more."—Tasler L. Oddie, Governor of Nevada.

The Progressive party of Connecticut expects to put a candidate in opposition to Senator Brandegee, whose term will expire next March.

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**TEMPERATURE REPORT** Highest temperature yesterday, 48; a year ago, 61. Lowest temperature last night, 28; a year ago, 39.

When the Bonanza swung Old Glory to the breeze in front of this office at 10:30 o'clock this morning the news spread like a brush fire and there was a general rush to hoist the flag to the tops of every building, mill and mine hoist in the district. Even small householders shared the enthusiasm and the Bonanza was overwhelmed with orders for flags. Inside of an hour every place of any consequence was flying the colors that are flying tonight over Vera Cruz.

A few more flags four by six feet still remain at this office, where they may be had with pole and iron brackets for the regular price of \$3.50.